

## DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TREATING WASTE PRODUCT

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

**[0001]** This non-provisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No. 2003-0048332 filed in Korea on July 15, 2003, which is herein incorporated by reference.

### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

**[0002]** The present invention relates to a device and method for treating waste product and more particularly, to an improved device and method for incinerating solid waste product such as night soil in a movable or non-movable toilet room while eliminating environmental pollution.

### RELATED ART

**[0003]** Various types of devices and methods for treating waste product include a toilet connected to a sewer pipe so that the waste product can be treated sanitarily. However, since in rural areas, e.g., camping areas, construction areas, parking lots, certain resort areas, etc., there is no sewer pipe, it is difficult to treat the waste product utilizing a sewer system.

**[0004]** Accordingly, in order to treat waste products in such areas, it is known to use conventional enzyme-bacteria decomposing toilet systems. However, a conventional enzyme decomposing toilet systems suffer from a number of problems. For example, such systems require a lot of water with

associated high cost and cannot be used during the winter season. Also, conventional incineration devices for treating waste product has a complicated structure.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

**[0005]** Therefore, it is an object of the present invention to provide an improved device and method for treating waste product which eliminates the above problems and limitations associated with the conventional art.

**[0006]** Another object of the present invention is to provide an improved device and method for incinerating solid waste product after the dehydration of night soil in a toilet room and using it effectively while preventing environmental pollution.

**[0007]** Still another object of the present invention is to provide a device for treating waste product which is simple in structure, inexpensive to manufacture, durable in use, and refined in appearance.

**[0008]** In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a device for treating waste product has been developed which includes a waste product holding tank containing a water pump which communicates with a vacuum pot for receiving the waste product from the holding tank according to the operation of a sensor; a vacuum pump and an electromagnetic wave member for dehydrating the waste product, a ball miller for crushing the solid waste product, which is then incinerated by a heater; mixing the incinerated product with water and separating the water from the crushed solid waste product using a strainer. The device according to the present

invention can be conveniently used in the country area while preventing environmental pollution.

**[0009]** In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a method for treating a waste product comprises the steps of: transferring waste product to a holding tank and to a vacuum pot according to the operation of a preset sensor; dehydrating the waste product in the vacuum pot to produce a solid waste product by operating a vacuum pump and an electromagnetic wave member; crushing the solid waste product by a ball mill; watering the crushed product; and separating water from the mixed product by passing it through a strainer where the solid waste product is removed therefrom and placed in a holding tank.

**[0010]** Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

**[0011]** The present invention will become more fully understood from the detailed description given hereinbelow and the accompanying drawings which are given by way of illustration only, and thus are not limitative of the present invention, and wherein:

**[0012]** FIG. 1 is a partially diagrammatic perspective view of a device for treating waste product according to the present invention;

**[0013]** FIG. 2 is a diagrammatic side view of a device for treating waste product according to the present invention;

**[0014]** FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a device for treating waste product according to the present invention, which is installed in a portable toilet room; and

**[0015]** FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a device for treating waste product according to the present invention, which is installed in portable, multiple toilet.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

**[0016]** Referring now in detail to the drawings for the purpose of illustrating the preferred embodiments of the present invention, the device for treating waste product as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4, comprises a toilet 7 in a toilet room 1, a waste product holding tank 9, and a water holding tank 10, both disposed under the toilet 7, and a vacuum pot 12 disposed near the waste product holding tank 9 and the water holding tank 10.

**[0017]** In the toilet room, there is a first sensor 11 for sensing when a user uses the toilet 7 and operating an optical catalyst deodorizer 6, a plate type heat exchange freezer 5, an air cooling type freezer 4, a high temperature heater deodorizer 3, a cooling fan 2' and a ventilating fan 2 for refrigerating moisture to water to be drained to the water holding tank 10, through a fifth pipe 19B and ventilating odor to outside of the toilet room 1.

**[0018]** After the user uses the toilet 7 and flushes it with a flushing lever 8, water mixed with waste product in the toilet 7 moves to the waste product holding tank 9 through a first pipe 17A. Thereafter, when the flushing lever 8 returns to its original position, water in the water holding tank 10 is pumped to the toilet 7 by a first water pump 21 through a second pipe 17B. Also, surplus water in the toilet 7 can be drained to the water holding tank 10.

**[0019]** Referring in detail to Figs. 1 and 2, a second water pump 22 disposed in holding tank 9 communicates with a vacuum pot 12, which draws the water-waste product mixture from the holding tank 9 when a certain volume thereof exceeds a level sensed by a second sensor 11'. As soon as the vacuum pot 12 receives the water-waste product mixture from the waste product holding tank 9, the water-waste product mixture is dried by a vacuum pump 13 and an electromagnetic wave member 14 to produce a dried waste product. Thereafter, the dried waste product in the vacuum pot 12 is crushed by a stirring member 15 which includes a motor 23, a gear 24 and a scoop 20, to produce a powder. Then the powder in the vacuum pot 12 is burned to ashes by a heater 18. At this time, water from the water tank 10 is added to the ashes in the vacuum pot 12 through a fourth pipe 19A for making an ash gel. The ash gel is transferred to a strainer 16 for separating the residue from the liquid (water) and recycling water to the water holding tank 10.

**[0020]** Referring in detail to Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4, the device for treating waste product of the present invention operates as follows: When the user

enters into the house type toilet room 1 or the automobile type toilet room 1', as soon as the first sensor 11 detects the presence of the user, the ventilating fan 2, cooling fan 2', high temperature heater deodorizer 3, air cooling type refreeze 4, plate type heat exchange freezer 5, and optical catalyst deodorizer 6 are simultaneously activated for ventilating odor to the outside thereof, and for sending refrigerated water to the water holding tank 10 through the fifth pipe 19B.

**[0021]** After using the toilet 7, when the user flushes the flushing lever 8, the water, approximately 300 cc stored in the toilet 7 and waste product is transferred to the waste product holding tank 9 through the first pipe 17A. After the flushing lever 8 returns to its original state, the water in the water holding tank 10 is introduced to the toilet 7 by the first water pump 21 through the second pipe 17B. The introduced water is cleaned and approximately 300 cc may remain in the toilet. Surplus water can be drained into the water holding tank 10 through the third pipe 17C.

**[0022]** When the water-waste product mixture in the waste product holding tank 9 reaches a predetermined level, the second sensor 11' senses to operate the second water pump 22 for inducing approximately 10 liters of the water-waste product mixture into the vacuum container 12. As soon as the water-waste product mixture has been transferred to the vacuum pot 12, it undergoes a heating operation through vacuum pump 13 and the electromagnetic wave member 14, whereby the waste product dries up and the moisture in the waste product evaporates and is then refrigerated to become water which is sent to the water holding tank 10 through the

vacuum pump 13, high temperature heater deodorizer 3, air cooling type freezer 4, cooling fan 2' and the plate-type heat exchange freezer 5.

**[0023]** The dried waste product remaining in the vacuum pot 12 in the form of a lump of solid material, is ground into a powder by the ball mill operation of the stirring member 15 and ball 20. The powder is then burned into ash by the heater 18. Thereafter, water from the water holding tank 10 is added to the ash to make a kind of gel which is transferred to the strainer 16, where the residue is separated from the liquid (water) and the water is drained into the water holding tank 10 through the fifth pipe 19B. If necessary, a filter can also be installed in the water holding tank 10.

**[0024]** The device for treating waste product according to the present invention has the following advantages. Since the method for treating waste product is repeatable, environmental pollution can be prevented. Also, while the device according to the present invention is operating, the user can still use the toilet 7. Also, the device of the present invention can be utilized in rural areas, such as construction areas, factory areas, resort areas, parking lots, etc.

**[0025]** The invention being thus described, it will be obvious that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.